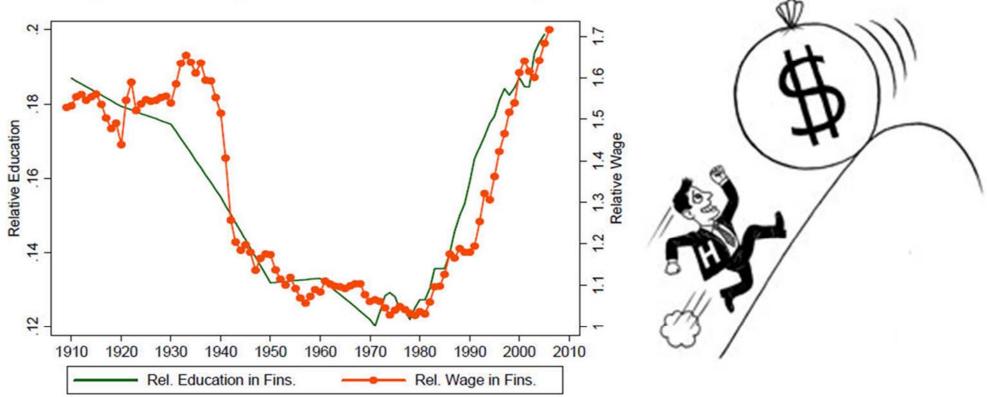


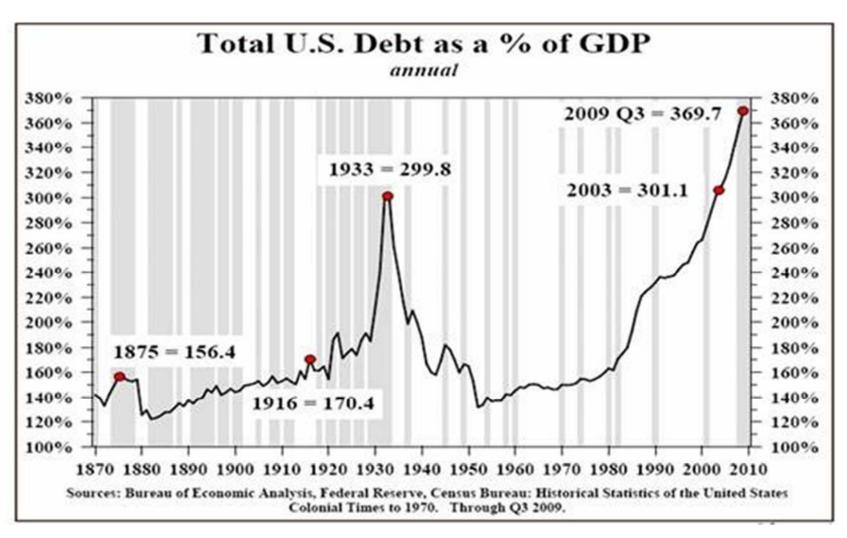
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Figure 1: Relative Wage and Education in the Financial Industry

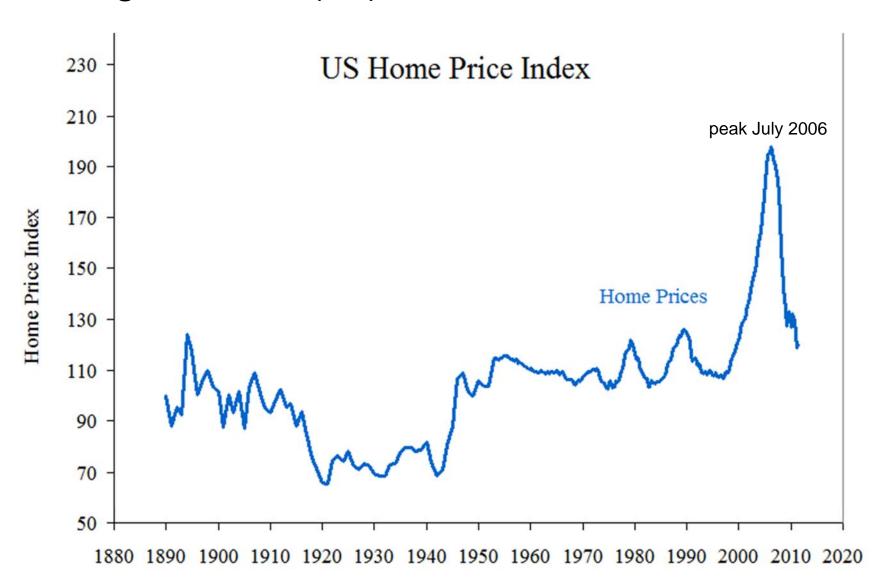


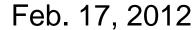
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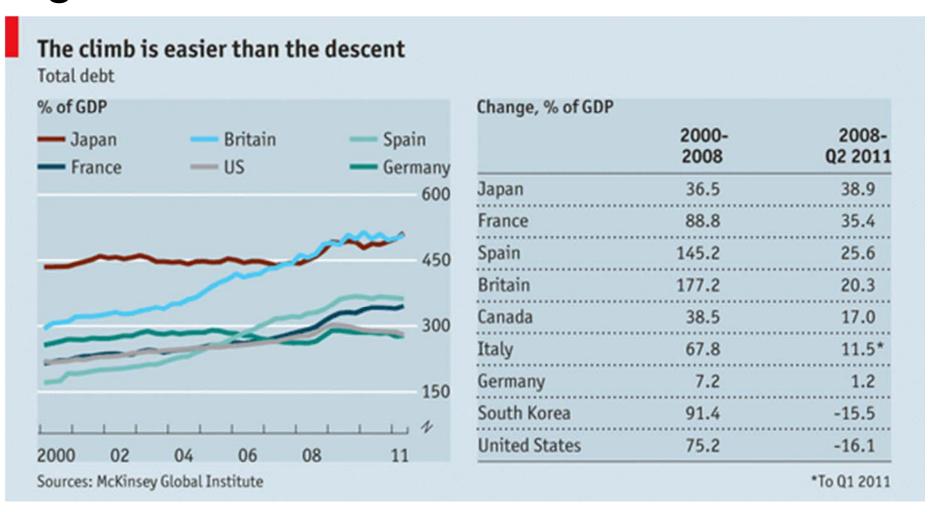


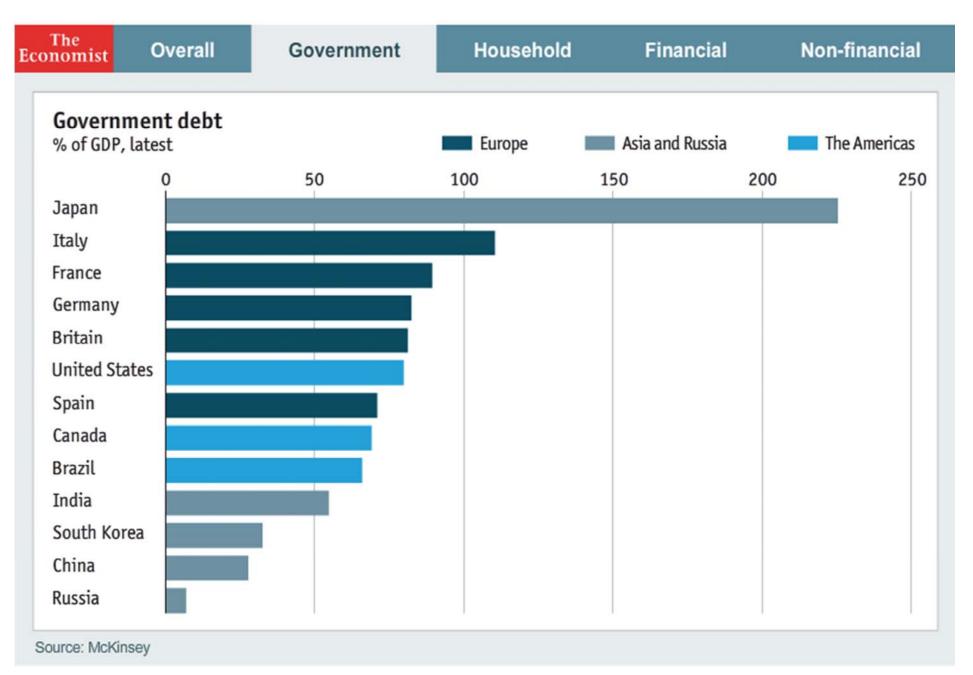


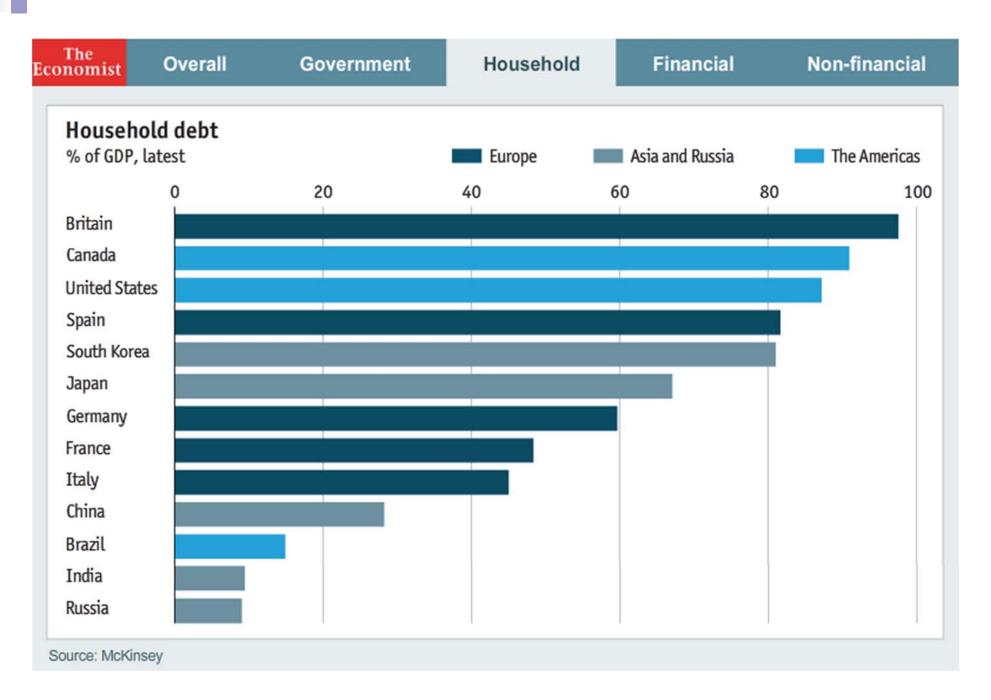
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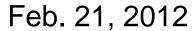
Household debt

As a percentage of GDP

	Levels				Changes ²		
	1980	1990	2000	2010 ¹	1980-90	1990-2000	2000-10
United States	52	64	74	95	12	10	21
Japan	60	82	87	82	22	5	-5
Germany	59	61	73	64	2	13	-9
United Kingdom	37	73	75	106	36	2	31
France	27	46	47	69	18	13 2 2 9	22
Italy	6	21	30	53	15	9	23
Canada	56	63	67	94	7	4	27
Australia	42	46	74	113	5	27	39
Austria	41	41	47	57	0 3	6 3	10
Belgium	35	38	41	56	3	3	15
Denmark			95	152			57
Finland	29	48	35	67	19	-14	33
Greece	8	9	20	65	1	11	45
Netherlands	43	49	87	130	6	38	43
Norway			64	94			31
Portugal	15	23	75	106	7	52	31
Spain	24	41	54	91	17	13	37
Sweden	53	61	51	87	8	-10	36
Total of above							
Median	39	47	65	94	8	8	31
Weighted average ³	46	60	69	90	14	9	18
Simple average	37	48	61	93	11	11	27
G7	43	59	65	87	16	6	16
Other advanced	32	39	58	97	7	14	34
Memo: Std deviation	17	20	21	28			

¹ Some figures refer to 2009. ² In percentage points of GDP. ³ Based on 2005 GDP and PPP exchange rates.

Sources: OECD; national data, authors' estimates.

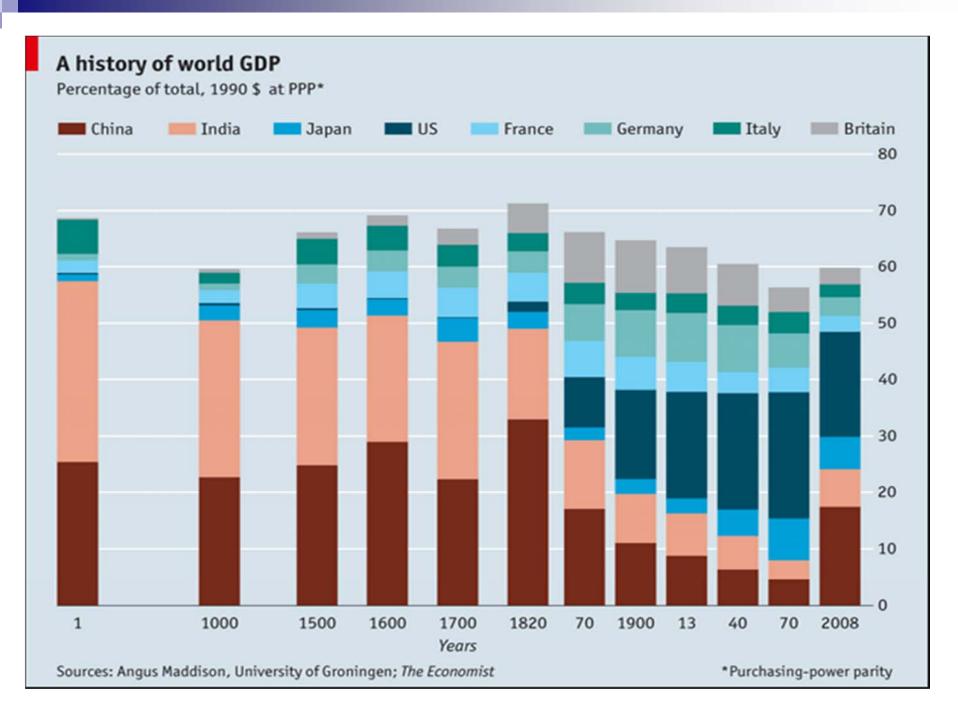


The Global Distribution of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in 2040, by Grouping of Nations

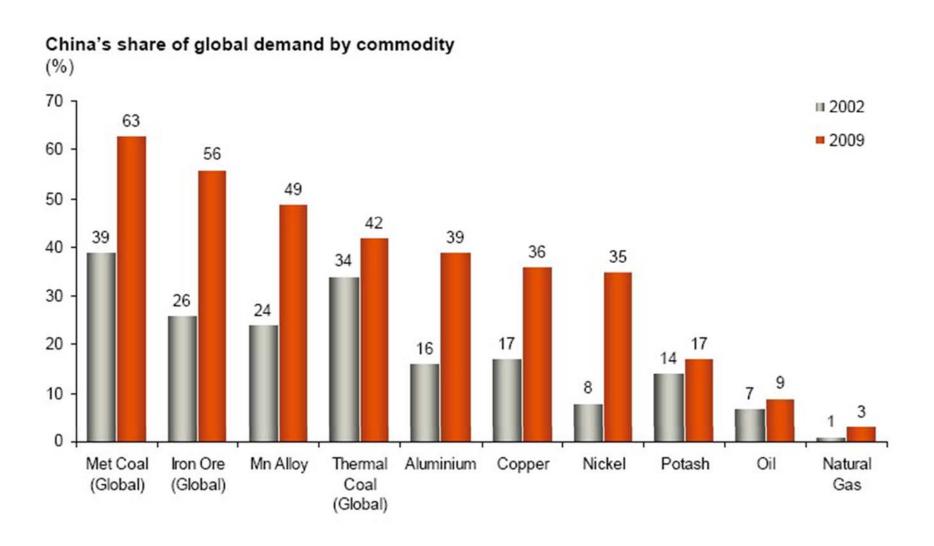
Grouping	Population (in millions)	Percent of total	GDP in billions of \$ (PPP)	Percent of total	
United States	392	5	41,944	14	
European Union (EU 15)	376	4	15,040	5	
India	1,522	17	36,528	12	
China	1,455	17	123,675	40	
Japan	108	1	5,292	2	
6 South East Asian Countries (SE6)	516	6	35,604	12	
Subtotals	4,369	50	258,083	85	
Rest of the World	4,332	50	49,774	16	
World	8,701	100	307,857	101*	

Note: GDP in U.S. dollars of 2000.

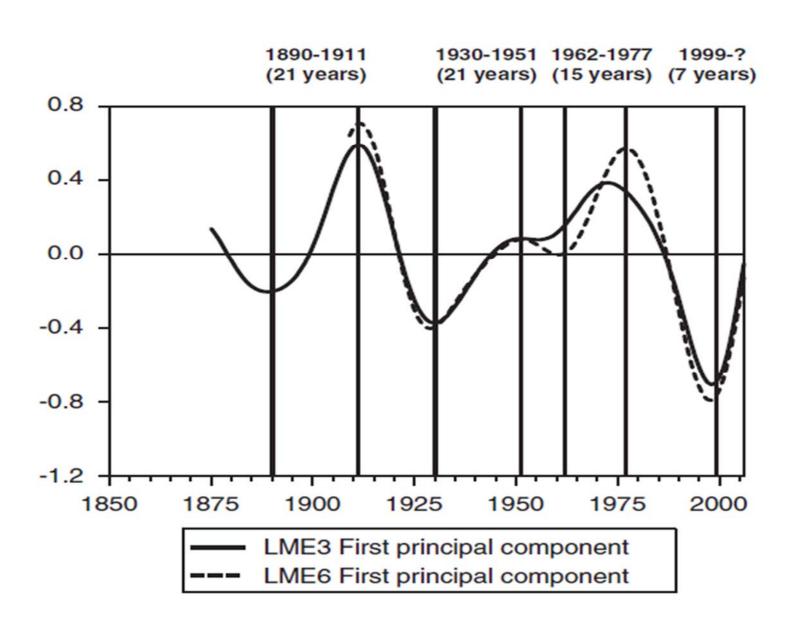
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China and World's Commodities

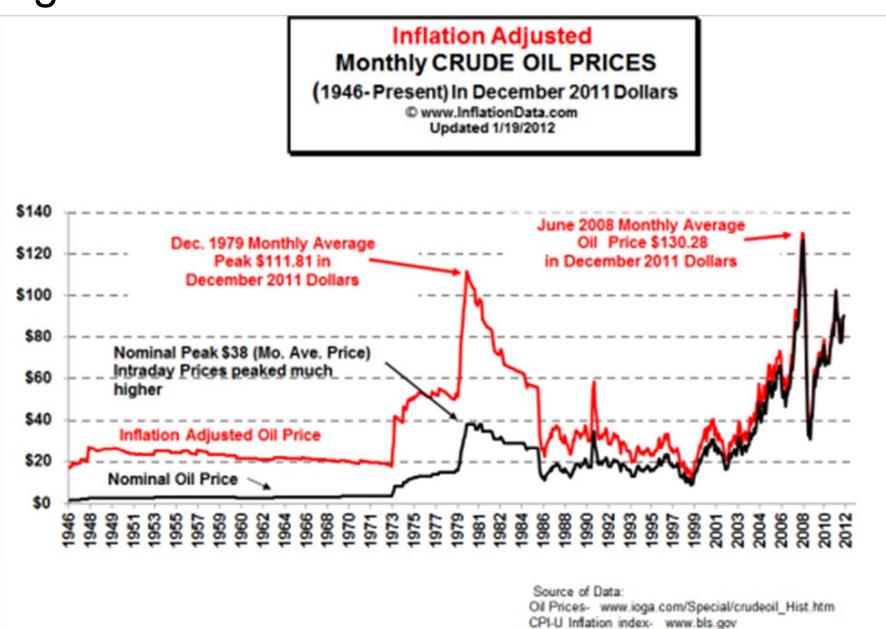


Commodity Super Cycles



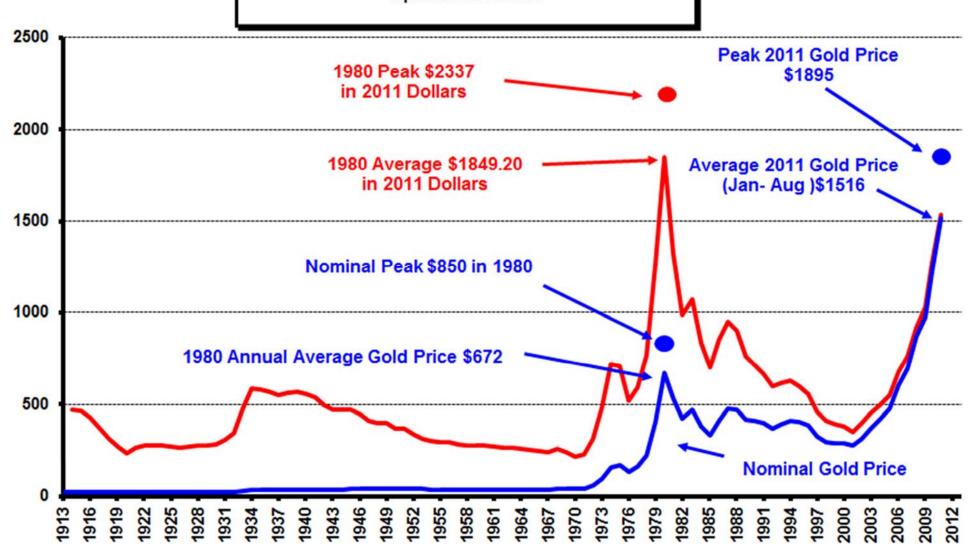
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Big Picture



Inflation Adjusted Annual Average Gold PRICES (1914-Current) In August 2011 Dollars

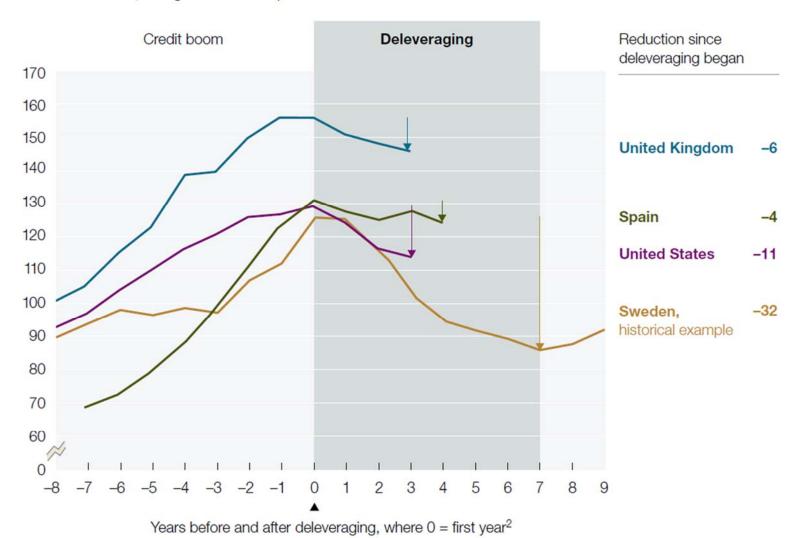
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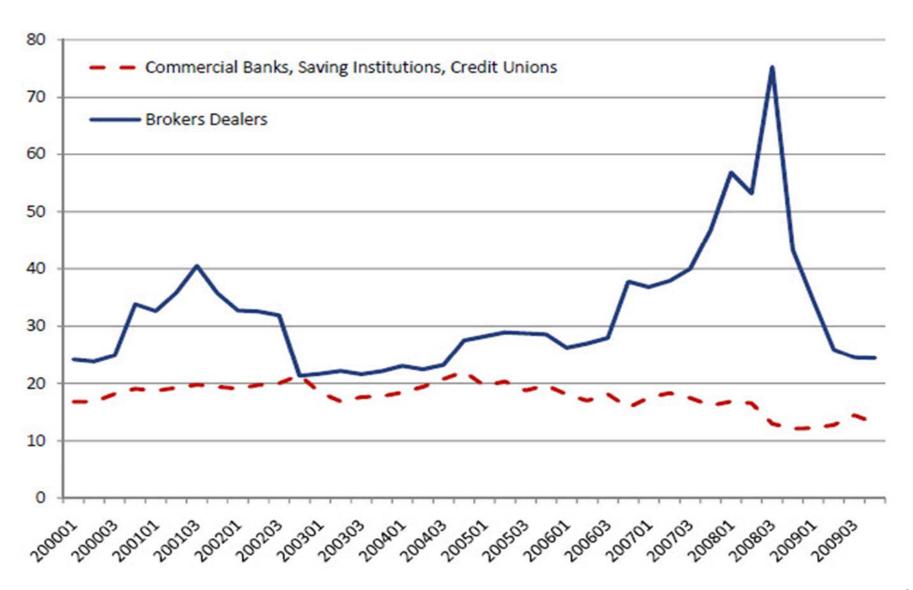
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Big Picture

Household debt,% of gross annual disposable income1



Recent History of Financial Leverage



Bank Leverage Ratio 2011 vs. 2007: How Has Deleveraging Progressed So Far?

(Source: Economist Online)

Bank/Institution	Country	Unadjusted leverage	Leverage Ratio	Tier 1 Capital Ratio	Unadjusted leverage	Leveraga Ratio	Tier 1 Capital Ratio	
		2007			2011			
J.P. Morgan	US	16.7	11.9	8.4%	14.7	8.3	12.1%	
Bank of America	US	19.8	14.6	6.9%	14.1	11.9	8.4%	
Wells Fargo	US	14.6	13.2	7.6%	11.1	8.7	11.5%	
CitiGroup	US	24.8	14.0	7.1%	14.3	7.4	13.5%	
Goldman Sachs	US	26.2	17.5	5.7%	11.8	7.2	13.8%	
Morgan Stanley	US	32.6	17.6	5.7%	14.4	6.0	16.8%	
Barclays	UK	37.8	12.8	7.8%	21.0	9.1	11.0%	
RBS	UK	23.5	13.7	7.3%	19.0	7.4	13.5%	
HSBC	UK	17.4	10.8	9.3%	17.5	8.2	12.2%	
Deutsche Bank	Germany	54.6	11.6	8.6%	43.0	7.2	13.8%	
Credit Suisse	Swiss	31.7	9.0	11.1%	31.7	5.6	17.7%	
UBS	Swiss	64.0	11.4	8.8%	27.8	5.4	18.4%	
BNP Paribas	France	41.6	13.7	7.3%	29.0	8.4	11.9%	
Soc. Gen.	France	34.6	12.5	8.0%	22.3	8.8	11.3%	
Credit Agricole	France	22.0	13.5	7.4%	22.4	9.1	11.0%	

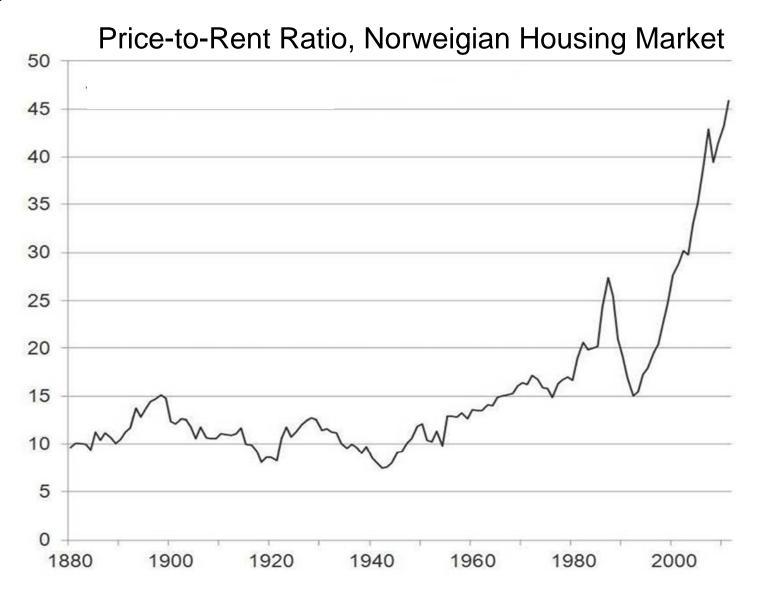
^{1.} Leverage ratios are calculated as the inverse of tier 1 capital ratio (BASEL I, risk-adjusted).

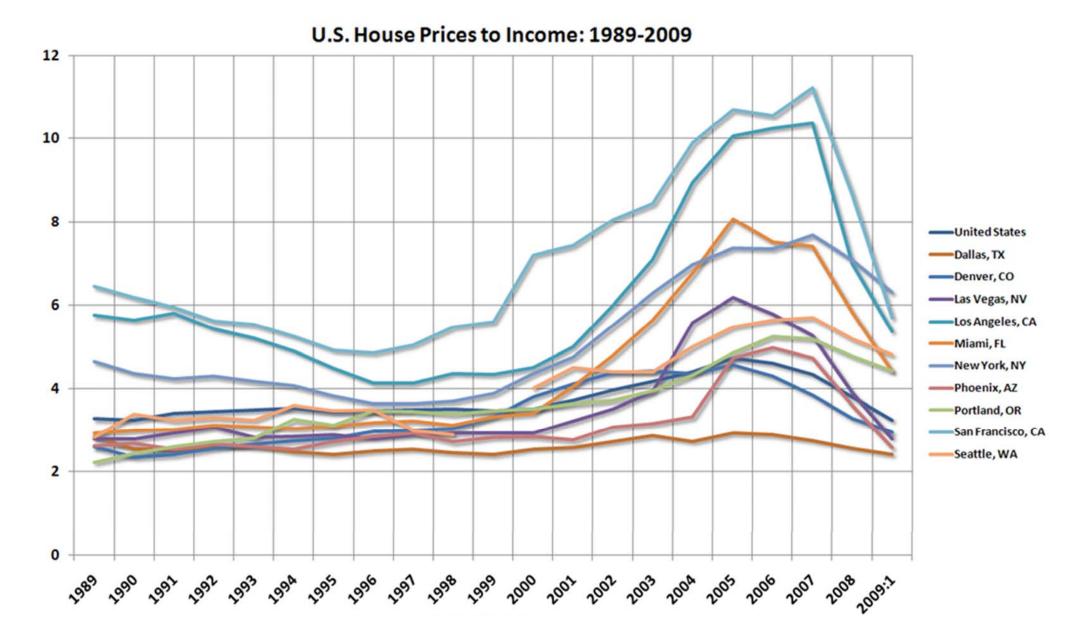
^{2.} Unadjusted leverage is the ratio between total assets and shareholder's equity.

^{3.} Data for 2007 are from 2007 annual reports; data for 2011 are from banks' 2Q or 3Q/2011 quartely report.

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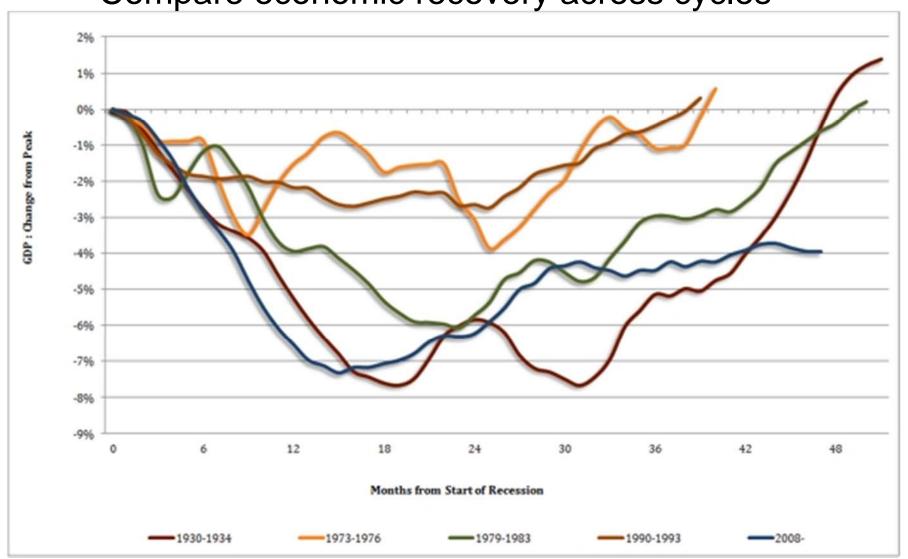




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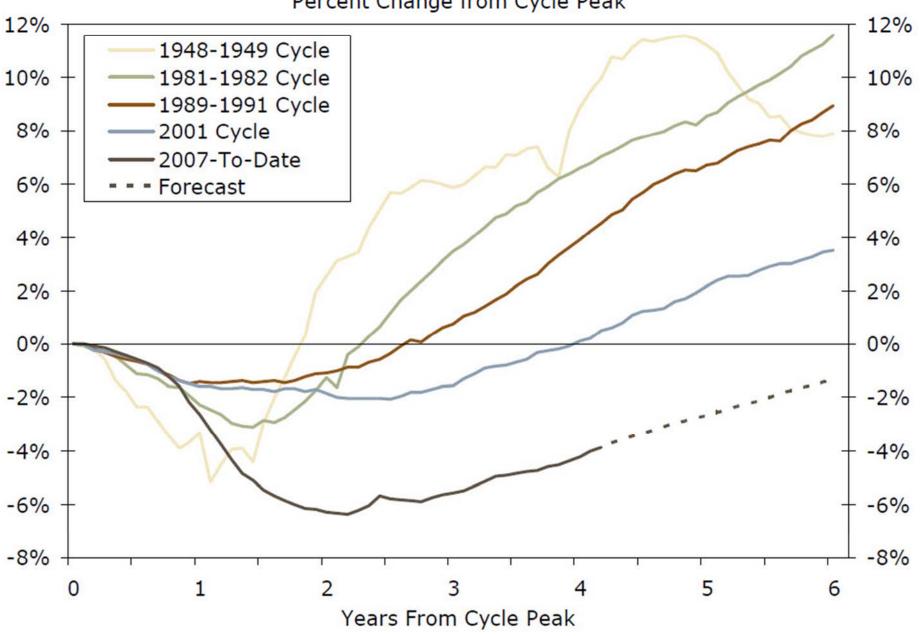
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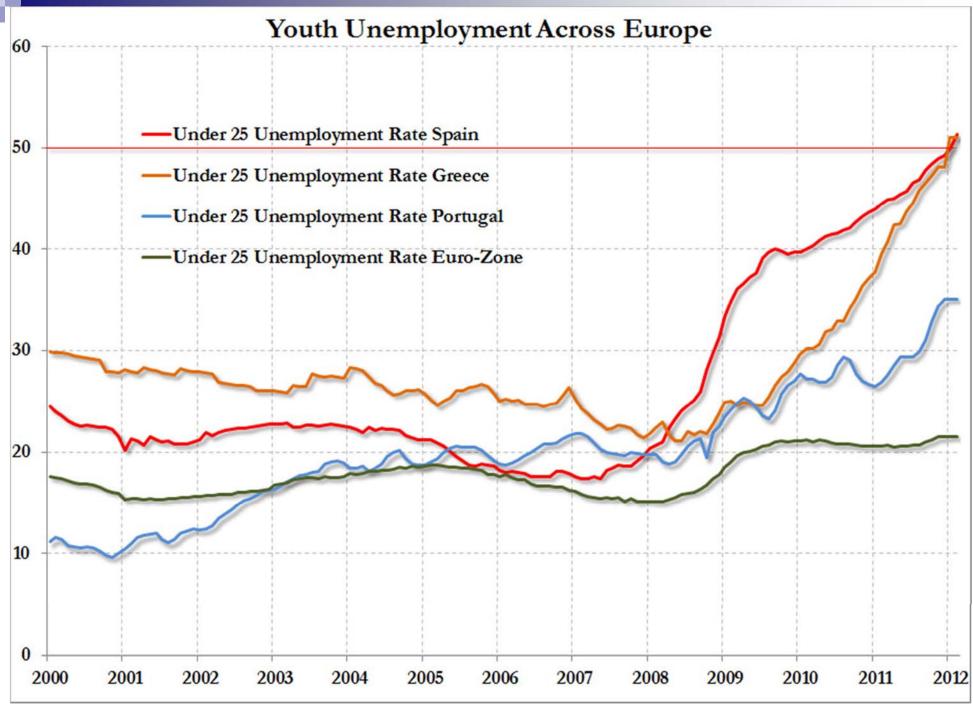




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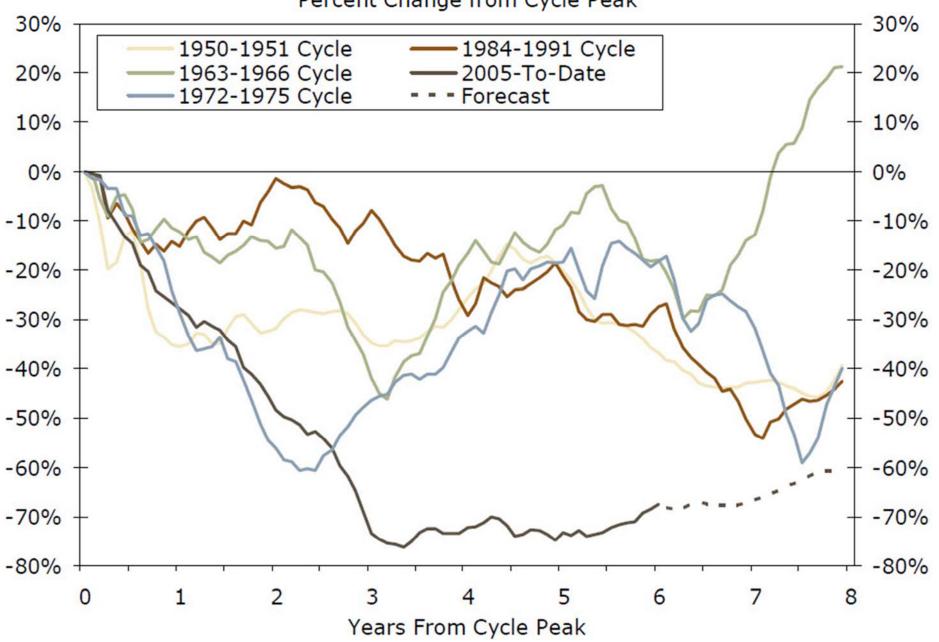






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